



The Bulletin

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JULY

2024

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

Our Lady of Loretto

Lodge Grass

St. Charles Borromeo

Pryor

St. Dennis

Crow Agency

St. Francis Xavier

St. Xavier

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Wyola

Infant Baptisms: 1st Saturdays

Confessions: Before Mass, & on request

Sunday Masses:

9:00 am – St. Dennis

10:30 am – St. Charles Borromeo

12:30 pm – Our Lady of Loretto

4:00 pm – St. Francis Xavier

Weekday Masses:

6.00 pm @ St. Dennis: Tues. Wed. Thurs.

6.00 pm @ Our Lady of Loretto: Friday

Bible Study @ St. Dennis

1st & 3rd Saturdays @ 6pm

Our Lady of Loretto Women’s Group

Tues & Thurs @ 6:00pm (Call 679-6978)

St Dennis Parish Hall:

Tuesdays: Sewing Group @ 6:00pm

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPENING SONG: #497 (Breaking Bread – BB)

GLORIA: BB #6

SCRIPTURE READINGS begin on BB page 183

CREED: Apostles’ on BB page 10

OFFERATORY: #3 (Apsáalooke Hymns Sampler)

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation BB #884-888

COMMUNION: (AHS) #4

RECESSIONAL: (AHS) #13



St. Dennis Parish Picnic & Mass on July 28th, 2024

Mass will be @ 9.30 am



TODAY'S GOSPEL

This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus' daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family

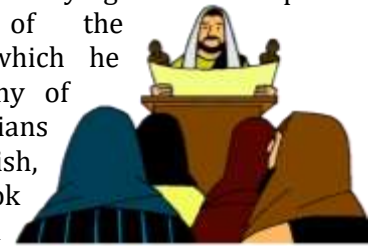
members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother* and *sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain

the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and

flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.



FAMILY CONNECTION

Our family plays an important role in shaping us and forming our self-identity. In family life, we find a safe place to discover who we are and who God calls us to be. But sometimes the influences from outside our family can

make us unrecognizable to those who know us best. These outside influences can lead us away from God, or they can lead us toward a deeper relationship with God. In today's Gospel, we see that the people of Nazareth could not

recognize Jesus as the Son of God. They could know him only as the son of Mary. We hope that through our family life we will be encouraged to filter the many influences on our lives through the lens of faith so that we will become

the person that God calls us to be. As you gather as a family, talk about the people and events that are influencing members of your family. Acknowledge that many of these people and events are positive influences, helping us be better people and leading us to a deeper relationship with God. Also acknowledge,

however, that there are negative influences in our lives that risk pulling us away from God. Observe that Jesus was a person who allowed his relationship with God to be the most important thing in his life. This led many people to have faith in him as the Son of God. However, not everyone could recognize this

about Jesus. Read today's Gospel, Mark 6:1-6. Ask: Who does not recognize Jesus as God's Son in this Gospel? (Some of his kinfolk in Nazareth) Conclude by praying together that our families will continue to help us follow God in our lives. Pray together the Prayer for Vocations.

THINGS TO NOTE

Keeping Christ's Sacred Promise: Last month the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved and issued a new pastoral framework for ministry regarding Catholic Indigenous peoples. Developed by the subcommittee on Native American Affairs, its content comes from synodal listening sessions with Elders and Catholic Native Leaders who met in March 2019 in Phoenix, AZ., as well as input/feedback arising from Pope Francis' visit to Canada in 2022. The long-term goal of Crow Catholic Parishes is to work in conjunction with the parish councils and parishioners to apply the plan's framework to our life and ministry here in Crow Country. If the document sparks any ideas that could help with this communal process, please let one of the priests know. The document is available at: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/keeping-christs-sacred-promise> Here is the 2nd part of the excerpts from the document-summary: 11. Develop catechetical and evangelization resources that are culturally appropriate. 12. Develop guidelines for authentic inculturation of the Liturgy that incorporate Indigenous cultural elements in conformity with the directives of the Holy See, the episcopal conference, and the diocesan bishop. 13. Educate the wider Catholic community about

Catholic Native ministry. 14. Develop ways to increase Native access to financing and micro-lending opportunities. 15. Help Catholic universities respond to the needs of Native teachers, including educational development opportunities. 16. Help local Native communities to partner with the Catholic Health Services and other local or regional community health care providers. 17. Call for or participate in an international forum where the history and consequences of what is known collectively as the "doctrine of discovery" can be studied and looked at in depth to understand its effects even today.

Bible Study: Next Bible-study/discussion for adults on Saturday July 20th, 6.00pm at St. Dennis Hall. Anyone is welcome.

Infant Baptisms: Usually children under 7 are baptized on 1st Saturdays (but adjustable). Please contact any of the priests to schedule a Baptism.

For parents/God-parents who haven't yet had baptismal prep, the next class is at 10:30am, at St Dennis Parish Hall: Saturday, August 3rd.

Crow Hymns: Regular Crow Hymns meeting this Tue. (9th) @ St. Dennis. We need help for putting together a few latest Crow-Hymn books and with singing and sharing like usual. D&B 665-5714 (David Graber)



Promoting Peace is true instrument of Defense: Faced with the conflicts that currently tear apart various parts of the world in a "third world war fought piecemeal", faced with the arms race, nuclear threats, and terrorism, we must "understand that defense is not solely about military might but also about fostering institutions and promoting agreements between peoples." Archbishop Paul R Gallagher, Vatican Secretary for Relations with States and International Organizations, offered this assessment on Friday as he concluded his five-day visit to the Philippines."



7/9: St. Augustine
Zhao Rong &
Companions (120
Chinese Martyrs)
7/10: St. Veronica
Giuliani, Capuchin
7/11: St. Benedict
7/11 WORLD
POPULATION DAY
7/13: St. Henry
7/14: 15th Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Pope Francis scheduled to visit 4 nations across Asia and Oceania

Pope Francis will make an Apostolic Journey to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and Singapore on September 2-13, 2024.

The Holy See Press Office announced on Friday that Pope Francis will visit three nations in Asia and one in Oceania in early September.

He accepted the invitation of the Heads of State and local Church authorities to make what will be his 45th Apostolic Journey abroad.



Montana Catholics For Life

For Babies For Mothers For Families

"With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth."

—Pope St. John Paul II, Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life)

As petition signature verification takes place, we continue to pray for the defeat of CI-128, the dangerous initiative that seeks to enshrine a right to abortion above other basic human rights in the Montana State Constitution. Matthew Brower, director of the Montana Catholic Conference, in an article published in the June 23rd edition of the Helena Independent Record, clearly outlined how CI-128 would impose a new legal standard of "absolute autonomy" around abortion.

Our Montana Bishops have issued a call to prayerful action in defense of life in Montana. In response, let us pray, study, reflect, and boldly share the beauty of our Catholic understanding that the infinite dignity of life is sacred and that unborn children have a right to live. Share the message that a new life is not a problem solved by abortion, but each new life is a gift to mothers, children, families and all of society.

Read Matthew Brower's article and find many more life-affirming resources at MontanaCC.org or scan the QR code below.



From Montana's Bishops
Joint Letter & Video
Stand for Life in Montana



Join our Bishops as we stand for every child's right to life, the dignity of each mother, and the sanctity of the family.

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